

1 ***Special Meeting***
2 ***Minutes***
3 ***October 9, 2006***
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5 *A Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*
6 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:30pm*
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8 Mayor Cherchi called the meeting to order.
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10 Mayor Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Councilwoman Heveran led in the Pledge
11 of Allegiance.
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13 **ROLL CALL**

14 ***Council Present:*** *Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilperson Hawkins, Heveran,*
15 *Raucci, Ryan, Puzzo*
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17 ***Council Absent:*** *Councilwoman Mitrani*
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19 ***Also Present:*** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*
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21 ***Also Absent:*** *Borough Attorney Giblin*
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23 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**
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25 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
26 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.
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28 Mayor Cherchi pointed out the Fire Exit.
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30 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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32 No one spoke
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34 **RESOLUTIONS**

35 Resolution 06-245 – Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 06-245,
36 seconded by Councilwoman Heveran. Councilman Ryan asked since this is a County
37 project on a County Road is it necessary for the Governing Body to pass such a
38 resolution? Councilman Raucci has had discussions with residents regarding the noise
39 level he spoke with the contractor for the project, the contractor made it clear that there
40 are problems with doing this job at night. Councilman Raucci would like to try this
41 during the day, approve the Resolution but try the project during the day if it is too much
42 of a nightmare then do the work at night. After a discussion by the Governing Body the
43 Council amended the Resolution. Councilman Hawkins withdrew his motion.
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45 Tom Wilson 301 Fort Lee Road – Mr. Wilson expressed his concern regarding
46 construction being done during the night hours.

47 Fred Marx, 228 Fort Lee Road – Most of the members of the Governing Body has heard
48 the complaints regarding the condition of Fort Lee Road. Mr. Marx felt that evening
49 hours would be better serve the community for construction as there is less traffic during
50 the overnight hours.

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52 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to re-introduce the Resolution 06-254 as amended,
53 seconded by Council President Puzzo. The Borough Clerk read the resolution into the
54 record. Roll call vote on Resolution 06-254 as amended; Councilpersons Hawkins,
55 Heveran, Raucci, Ryan and Puzzo voted yes. Councilwoman Mitrani was absent.
56 Resolution approved.

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58 Resolution 06-246 Authorizing Rick Pumo as Clerk of the Works for the Borough Hall
59 Construction project. The Borough Clerk read the Resolution into the record. A motion
60 was made by Council President Puzzo, seconded by Councilwoman Heveran to approve
61 Resolution 06-246. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Heveran, Raucci, Ryan and
62 Puzzo voted yes. Councilwoman Mitrani was absent. Resolution approved.

63 64 **NEW BUSINESS**

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66 Change October 16 meeting to October 23 – Mayor Cherchi explained the reason for
67 changing the meeting, all members of the Governing Body present voted yes.

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69 Mayor Cherchi referred to an e-mail regarding sick time in the Police Department.
70 Councilman Hawkins asked if this could wait until October 23? Mayor Cherchi read an e-
71 mail from Labor Attorney Karen Murray. Mayor Cherchi then read a portion of the
72 Personnel Policies to the Governing Body.

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74 Mayor Cherchi appointed David Haenelt as Deputy Emergency Management
75 Coordinator. Councilwoman Heveran inquired once again as to the Mayor's
76 qualifications for the position of Emergency Management Coordinator. Councilman
77 Raucci stated he spoke with Sgt. Valentine and he would be willing to stay on as OEM
78 Coordinator. Mayor Cherchi felt that he has appointed a very competent Deputy.
79 Councilman Ryan inquired if he could make a decision by the meeting of October 23rd.
80 Mayor Cherchi closed the discussion.

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82 Councilman Raucci said the tree should be in between the October 23 and 27th.
83 Councilman Raucci is working with Public Service to have the electric ready for the tree
84 lighting.

85 86 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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88 Fred Marx 228 Fort Lee Road – Spoke about pews that were available from the
89 Synagogue. Mr. Marx inquired what is the lowest price the town was willing to pay?
90 Mayor Cherchi stated there is no money in the budget.

92 Councilwoman Heveran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Raucci. All
93 in favor; none opposed.
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95 Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
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97 Respectfully submitted,
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100 Fran Lehmann
101 Borough Clerk